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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 1098

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : PFOR, UNGA, KS, KN, BA

SUBJECT : KOREA AT 30TH UNGA; BAHRAIN POSITION

REFERENCE : STATE 229629

1. I CALLED ON MINISTER OF STATE URRAYED, WHO IS ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, SEPTEMBER 27 TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. I LEFT HIM AIDE-MEMOIRE INCORPORATING POINTS REFTEL AND TALKING POINTS PARA 7 STATE 225930. I ASKED SPECIFICALLY THAT HE (A) CONVEY U.S. POSITION AS SET FORTH IN AIDE-MEMOIRE, INCLUDING OUR REQUEST FOR GOB SUPPORT AND OUR EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS ISSUE, TO FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK; AND (B) THAT HE INFORM PRIME MINISTER I HAD OFFICIALLY RAISED TOPIC IN PROPER CHANNELS BUT WANTED HIM TO KNOW PERSONALLY THE IMPORTANCE WHICH USG ATTACHES TO GOB SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE. URRAYED PROMISED TO COMPLY PROMPTLY WITH BOTH REQUESTS. COMMENT: ABOVE PROCEDURE IS ONE WE HAVE DEVELOPED WITH GOB FOR HANDLING IMPORTANT UNGA ISSUES DURING PERIODS WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER IS IN NEW YORK. I AM CONVINCED ACTION TAKEN TO DATE IS MAXIMUM WE CAN DO EFFECTIVELY HERE AND THAT THE REST OF OUR EFFORT MUST TAKE PLACE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SHAIKH MOHAMMAD IN NEW YORK. ON ISSUES SUCH AS THIS ONE I AM INCREASINGLY PERSUADED THAT AMIR AND PRIME MINISTER

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LEAVE FOREIGN MINISTER COMPLETE FREEDOM OF ACTION AS TO HOW TACTIC-

ALLY BAHRAIN CAN TRY TO ACHIEVE BEST OF BOTH POSSIBLE WORLDS BY CO-OPERATING WHERE POSSIBLE WITH U.S. AND UK WITHOUT STRAYING FROM ARAB FOLD. WHILE I AM NOT CONFIDENT WE WILL BE ABLE TO PERSUADE GOB TO STICK ITS NECK OUT IN SUPPORTING US, I KNOW OF NO WAY TO DO IT OTHER THAN DIRECTLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED UK EMBASSY OF OUR APPROACH TODAY. BRITISH ARE STILL AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND WILL KEEP US INFORMED.

3. RE SAUDI HELP, A WORD FROM THE SAUDIS TO THE GOB IN SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE HELPFUL. THE ONLY TRULY EFFECTIVE PLACE FOR THAT WORD TO BE SPOKEN, HOWEVER, IS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK, IDEALLY BY MINISTER OF STATE PRINCE SAUD IF HE IS STILL THERE. LEAVE TO JUDGEMENT OF ADDRESSEES WHETHER SUCH SAUDI HELP IS BEST INITIATED IN NEW YORK OR IN SAUDI ARABIA, BUT TO TRY TO CRANK IT UP THROUGH SAUDI EMBASSY IN BAHRAIN WOULD WASTE VALUABLE TIME AND PROBABLY WOULD PRODUCE, IF ANYTHING, A VERY FUZZY END PRODUCT.
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